

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2008

Stoney Chase/Rock Creek Mobile Home Parks

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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source are wells which draw from an underground aquifer whose name is unknown. This water is pumped to the surface and then distributed to our residents from an elevated water storage tank.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

A source water assessment plan that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination has been prepared for our system and county. This plan is available thru the Cecil County Public Library or from Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Manager Doug Martin at 410-287-8225 any week day between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or inquire at the manager's office. We want our residents to be informed about their water service. Since the park is privately owned and not governed by a Board of Directors, there are no regularly scheduled board meetings.

Stoney Chase/Rock Creek Mobile Home Parks routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2008. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Stoney Chase/Rock Creek MHP is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

NOTE: As can be seen by results listed in the following tables, lead, which is tested for triennial (every 3 years) in accordance with Federal and State Regulations in Stoney Chase/Rock Creek MHP's distribution system, was not detected in samples collected in 2008.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The “Goal”(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Beta/photon emitters (quarterly average)	N	9.7	pCi/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Alpha emitters, adjusted (quarterly average)	N	8.75	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (226 & 228) (quarterly average)	N	1.8	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (combined) (2007)	N	1.1	µg/L	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Copper (Distribution)	N	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (distribution)	N	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Barium (2006)	N	0.02	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (2006)	N	< 1	ppb	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Chromium (2006)	N	1.0	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	< 1.0	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2006)	N	0.1	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Unregulated Contaminants						
Sodium (2006)	N	7.9	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Test results are for year 2008 unless otherwise indicated; not all contaminants are required to be tested for annually.

In monitoring completed in CY2007 by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for radioactive contaminants, the result for adjusted Gross Alpha Emitters was 17.9 pCi/L, which was slightly above the MCL of 15 pCi/l. While we did not receive a violation notice for this exceedence, it triggers a requirement to begin quarterly monitoring for this contaminant in accordance with state and federal regulations. Monitoring results for gross alpha emitters conducted by MDE in 2008 showed an average of 9 pCi/L, which was below the MCL of 15. MDE is continuing with quarterly monitoring in 2009.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL’s are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Please call our office if you have questions about this report.